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RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

City Clerk Gallagher Will Leave
Position at End of
This Week.

MRS. WOLFORD SUCCESSOR

Deputy Appointed by Mayor Murphy
And Confirmed By City
Commission.

For the first time in the history of this city a woman will hold public office, after this week, Mrs. Jesse Wolford having been appointed as city clerk to succeed Carl E. Gallagher, resigned.

The appointment of Mrs. Wolford was made by Mayor Charles R. Murphy Tuesday evening, and was confirmed by the city commission without a dissenting vote. As the resignation of Gallagher is effective on March 1, Mrs. Wolford will assume active charge of the clerk's office on Monday of this coming week.

Mrs. Wolford is believed to have every capability that is needed to give this city a good clerk. For the past ten months she has been at the city hall in the capacity of a stenographer and deputy clerk, and knows the work of the office well. She has had a number of years experience as a stenographer and bookkeeper, which will prove a great aid to her in her new vocation.

The resignation of Carl E. Gallagher as clerk, after nearly four years in the office, was accepted Tuesday evening by the city commission in a resolution which spoke of appreciation for his service, and wished him a speedy return to health, and success in whatever venture he might undertake in the future.

AN ARBOREAL SLATTERY

Our pen cannot do justice to the descriptive language in the article which follows. It is a wonderful piece of word painting and true to the life in addition to being interestingly educative. Every reader of good English, well balanced, will read this short article with thorough enjoyment. It is by an editorial writer in the Minneapolis Journal of Jan. 8, 1920, and was brought to our attention by Theodore Wirth, Park Superintendent of that city.

When the Park Board of Minneapolis forbade the planting of Box Elders along the streets of this town, they did a good day's work, well seasoned with clear forethought and wise retrospect. The only flaw in the proceedings was the failure to limit the life period of every tree of that variety already on the street.

The chief charge against this tree is that it has no fixed purpose in life no wholesome pride of performance, no sense of its own worthlessness. It is cursed with a boorish forwardness and a painful lack of that nice sense of dress common to trees of better breeding. A poor tramp among the matrons of the forest, it is endowed with a shocking fecundity and its offspring with a vulgar vitality.

The Pine, now for instance, is a purposeful, dignified and a self-respecting tree. Its aims from infancy to age is to build its central shaft. Forgetting the things that are below it presses upward. Nothing stops its terminal bud in its direct reach for the sky; and no lower limbs retard the building of the one well determined bole. It is this quality that has made the Pine and its kin the most useful tree on earth.

The Oak aims to endure, the Maple to shake a noble head; but the weak minded, sprawling Elder has no commercial ambitions. It is content to squat and sprawl.

The Box Elder leaf has no outstanding character. Men do not honor it. But the Maple leaf has reached regimental honors in the United States army; and the Oak leaf, a commander's order in the navy. Art loves to twine these two leaves into its best ornaments. But who ever saw a Digger Indian adorn himself with the trifling foliage of the Box Elder?

Autumn gets no responsive tint from this tree's fading summer skirt. Drab, frayed, flabby, it waves no gay kerchief in farewell to the departing year. Nor does it lay its garments down with a will, as do the Linden and the Poplar; nor hold grimly on to them, as does the Red Oak. Half-heartedly it strips itself of a part of its shriveled covering, leaving the raveled rags to flap in the winter wind, like the weather beaten remnants of a Cornfield scarecrow.

Yet this cheap tree persists. It rushes in where Oak trees fear to root. It immediately efforts to repopulate the forests where its betters have been slain for their wealth; for, knowing nothing, it fears nothing. Verily, in the woods as in the rest of the world, "the poor ye have always with you."

The above article is timely and we hope will be a guide to Alma people in setting out trees. We want Alma to be beautiful and we should have no room for scrubby, slattern trees, which could detract from the beauty of our stately elms and beautiful maples.

COMING HERE

Almost Certain That Mint League
Champs Will Train in Alma.

It is almost a certainty now that the Saginaw Aces, champions of the Michigan-Ontario League last year will do their spring training in this city, which President Clements of the Saginaw organization believes will be almost an ideal spot, if weather conditions are what they should be.

"Red" McKee, former Detroit Tiger backstop, is to manage the Aces this year, and if the Mint champs come here for their spring training, McKee will be about thirty hopefuls here with him, who will strive to make the 1920 Saginaw league team.

One of the big reasons for Alma seeming so attractive to the league organization as training camp is the fact that Alma has two strong nines against which the Saginawans may work out in their practices, these being the Republics and the Alma College aggregation. Both are expected to be exceptionally strong, and should prove to be of enough strength to make things interesting for the leaguers.

If the Aces come to Alma to train, it will be the first time that a league team has made Alma the spring training camp since the days of the old South Michigan league, when Bay City came here with Hi Cole, who later proved such a sensation with the Cubs.

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DIED TUESDAY

Mrs. Schultz Passed Away After Ill-
ness of Several Weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Schultz, one of Alma's well known and highly esteemed residents, passed away at her home at an early hour Tuesday morning, after an illness of some weeks duration.

She was a daughter of Mrs. A. M. Slay of Port Huron, Great Record Keeper for the Lady Macabees, who with her husband, and Mr. Schultz were at the bedside of Mrs. Schultz, when the end came.

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BOARD OF TRADE HOLDS ELECTION

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Evening with Few Business
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RHODES IS THE PRESIDENT

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